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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 1, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.